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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled:

> "Groups of countries in special situations:
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> "(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
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> "(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 14th and 15th meetings, on 20 October 2009. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/64/SR.14 and 15). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 5 to 7 October (see A/C.2/64/SR.2-7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbol A/64/423 and Add.1 and 2.

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Letter dated 30 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the thirty-third annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at United Nations Headquarters on 25 September 2009 (A/64/489)

Item 56 (a)
Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/64/80-E/2009/79 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 8 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by the Ministers and Heads of Delegation of the least developed countries on 29 September 2009 (A/C.2/64/3)

Item 56 (b)
Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (A/64/268)

Letter dated 5 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the Secretary-General transmitting the Rules of Procedure of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, adopted by the Group on 25 September 2009 (A/C.2/64/5)

4. At the 14th meeting, on 20 October, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement (under sub-items (a) and (b)) (see A/C.2/64/SR.14).